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SUBJEC: DETENTION OF YWCA LEADERS: CONGRESSIONAL

1. OFFICE OF SENATOR BYRD HAS INQUIRED ABOUT
DETENTION OF THREE YWCA LEADERS, JOYCE SEROKE,
JANE PHAKATHI AND VESTA SMITH.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECORDS OF DETENTION OF PHAKATHI
AND SMITH BUT HAS NO RECORD OF SEROKE, WHO IS DESCRIBED
AS MEMBER OF WORLD YWCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WOULD
APPRECIATE KNOWING INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS ON WHETHER
SEROKE IS IN DETENTION AND ANY CURRENT INFORMATION
WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE ON PROSPECTS FOR RELEASE OF
ALL THREE.

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